

Charges Filed with the Police Board

The following charges have been filed with the Police Board by the Superintendent of Police. The public is reminded that the filing of charges is not evidence of guilt. The accused officer is presumed innocent and is entitled to a fair hearing at which the Superintendent has the burden of proving guilt by a preponderance of the evidence.

The Superintendent was required by the Municipal Code of Chicago to file these charges. The Superintendent disagreed with the Civilian Office of Police Accountability Chief Administrator's recommendation to discharge the accused officer from the Chicago Police Department. Pursuant to Section 2-78-130(a) of the Municipal Code, the disagreement was referred to one member of the Police Board, who ruled that the Superintendent did not meet the burden of overcoming the Chief Administrator's recommendation. Therefore, the Chief Administrator's recommendation "shall be deemed accepted by the Superintendent."

**CHARGES AGAINST
LIEUTENANT WILFREDO ROMAN, JR.**

Lieutenant Wilfredo Roman, Jr., Star Number 723, is charged with violating the following rules contained in Article V of the Rules and Regulations of the Chicago Police Department, which were in full force and effect on the date of the alleged violations:

- Rule 1: Violation of any law or ordinance.
- Rule 2: Any action or conduct which impedes the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals or brings discredit upon the Department.
- Rule 3: Any failure to promote the Department's efforts to implement its policy or accomplish its goals.
- Rule 5: Failure to perform any duty.
- Rule 6: Disobedience of an order or directive, whether written or oral.
- Rule 8: Disrespect to or maltreatment of any person, while on or off duty.
- Rule 9: Engaging in any unjustified verbal or physical altercation with any person, while on or off duty.
- Rule 10: Inattention to duty.
- Rule 11: Incompetency or inefficiency in the performance of duty.
- Rule 38: Unlawful or unnecessary use or display of a weapon.

SPECIFICATIONS

- I. On or about February 9, 2021, at or near 1909 North La Crosse Avenue, Chicago, Lieutenant Roman approached fifteen year old suspect ZK, who was in handcuffs, and inserted or placed his flashlight in and/or on and/or between the buttocks of ZK, although the use of the flashlight served no legitimate police purpose; and/or Lieutenant Roman directed and/or yelled at ZK one or more of the following statements, or words to that effect: "shut up" and/or "That's what you get for carjacking," and/or "stop yelling like a little bitch." Lieutenant Roman thereby
 - a. Violated Rule 1, violation of any law or ordinance, to wit: *Official Misconduct*, 720 ILCS 5/33-3(a)(2) ("A public officer or employee ... commits misconduct when, in his official capacity ..., he or she... [k]nowingly performs an act which he knows he is forbidden by law to perform."); and/or *Battery*, 720 ILCS 5/12-3(a)(2) ("A

person commits battery if he or she knowingly without legal justification by any means... makes physical contact of an insulting or provoking nature with an individual.”), and/or

- b. Violated Rule 2, any action or conduct which impedes the Department’s efforts to achieve its policy and goals or brought discredit upon the Department, and/or
 - c. Violated Rule 3, any failure to promote the Department’s efforts to implement its policy or accomplish its goals, and/or
 - d. Violated Rule 6, disobedience of an order or directive, whether written or oral, to wit: General Order G03-02 and/or General Order G03-02-01, and/or
 - e. Violated Rule 8, disrespect to and maltreatment of any person while on or off duty, and/or
 - f. Violated Rule 9, engaging in any unjustified physical altercation with a person while on or off duty, and/or
 - g. Violated Rule 11, incompetency or inefficiency in the performance of duty, and/or
 - h. Violated Rule 38, unlawful or unnecessary use or display of a weapon.
2. On or about February 9, 2021, following his interaction with ZK and the use of his flashlight, Lieutenant Roman failed to complete a Tactical Response Report (“TRR”). Lieutenant Roman thereby
- a. Violated Rule 2, any action or conduct which impedes the Department’s efforts to achieve its policy and goals or brought discredit upon the Department, and/or
 - b. Violated Rule 3, any failure to promote the Department’s efforts to implement its policy or accomplish its goals, and/or
 - c. Violated Rule 5, failure to perform any duty, and/or
 - d. Violated Rule 6, disobedience of an order or directive, whether written or oral, to wit: G03-02-02, and/or
 - e. Violated Rule 10, inattention to duty, and/or
 - f. Violated Rule 11, incompetency or inefficiency in the performance of duty.

Based on the foregoing charges and specifications, the Superintendent recommends that Lieutenant Wilfredo Roman Jr, Star Number 723, be discharged from the Chicago Police Department.



Larry B. Snelling
Superintendent of Police

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

/s/ Hillina Tadesse Tamrat

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